

URBAN STUDIES, MS/ LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, MLIS

In collaboration with several other academic units at UW-Milwaukee, SOIS offers students the opportunity to obtain two Master's degrees concurrently—one in Library and Information Science (MLIS) and one in a subject area.

Degree Requirements

- The number of degree credits needed for each of the coordinated programs is usually 12 fewer than the sum of the two programs if they were not taken simultaneously. *All degree requirements of each component must be satisfied.*
- The MLIS portion of the coordinated degrees can be completed online.
- Prerequisite to the award of either degree in this program is the simultaneous award of its counterpart degree.

MLIS Component

The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) component of each of the coordinated programs includes 30 credits of SOIS courses. These include the MLIS core courses (12 credits). The remaining 18 MLIS credits are selected from the School's offerings in accordance with the student's goals in the coordinated degree program.

MLIS/MS Urban Studies

A Master of Science in Urban Studies/Master of Library and Information Science program to prepare students for positions as urban information specialists, 54 credits.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Credits and Courses

Students in the MS/MLIS program follow all of the requirements and standards as described in this section of the Bulletin with the following joint exceptions: 21 of the 24 credits, including the optional 3 credits for a master's thesis, required for the Urban Studies portion of the joint degree are taken within USP. All courses in related areas and any exceptions to the 21 credit rule must be reviewed by the Coordinator of Urban Studies. All courses selected are expected to be consistent with the objectives of the Urban Studies program.

Urban Studies

The minimum degree requirement is 30 graduate credits. All Urban Studies students are required to take a core curriculum of 15 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
	Select an approved quantitative analysis course	3
URB STD 921	Seminar: Research Methods in Urban Studies	3

Select three of the following: 9

URB STD 901	Urban Social Structure
URB STD 913	Seminar in Urban Political Process
URB STD 945	The Internal Structure of the City
URB STD 971	Seminar on the History of American Urban Problems

Total Credits 15

Students may opt to enroll in URB STD 990 and earn up to 3 credits toward the MS degree for their paper/thesis research and writing.

Basic Required MLIS Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		12
INFOST 501	Foundations of Library and Information Science	
INFOST 511	Organization of Information	
INFOST 571	Information Access and Retrieval	
INFOST 799	Research Methods in Information Studies	

Other MLIS courses 18

Total Credits 30

Important

You must refer to the catalog pages of both individual master's programs to ensure that you meet all requirements for both degrees.